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**Re: Consultation  
for draft Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028**

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On behalf of the Southern Region Waste Management Plan Office (SRWMPO), thank you for the opportunity of making a submission regarding the consultation for draft Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028.

**Promotion of the Circular Economy**

It is welcomed that the role of the Circular Economy as well as the need for waste prevention and effective waste management are all acknowledged in a number of Chapters of the draft Cork City Development Plan.

We feel there is also potential to include direct reference to the Circular Economy in certain other sections of the draft Development Plan, in particular in the opening Chapter 1 *Introduction*. Inclusion in Chapter 1 could show that the Circular Economy has benefits not alone with regard to waste infrastructure, but also in the wider general economy. Appropriate wording to include within Section 1.5 *Strategic Vision* could be

*Cork City Council plays a fundamental role in the transition from a linear to a circular economy as they are responsible for key policies in public services that affect citizens' wellbeing, economic growth and environmental quality. This plan will foster the linkages to transition from linear model to a circular model which keeps resources in use for as long as possible.*

In Chapter 7 *Economy and Employment*, such as in Sections 7.53 to 7.56, reference could be made to the relevant opportunities that engagement in the Circular Economy could bring. Additionally, there is potential for social enterprises to be set up around Circular Economy activities such as reuse, repair as well as recycling initiatives at community level – ref *Objective 7.6 Social Enterprises*. It is noted that reference to the bioeconomy and circular economy is included in *Objective 7.22 Diversification of the Rural Economy*.

**Proposed inclusion of reference to  
*Waste Management Infrastructure – Guidance for Siting Waste Management Facilities***

- The upcoming *National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy* (NWMPCE), which is likely to be made in early 2022, will replace the *Southern Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021* and the regional waste management plans for the other two regions. The NWMPCE will include the new guidance document *Waste Management Infrastructure – Guidance for Siting Waste Management Facilities*, the scope of which includes broad siting criteria and facility specific guidance for consideration when siting a waste facility. We recommend that reference to this new guidance document be made within *Chapter 9 Environmental Infrastructure*, in particular within the section relating to Waste Management.

**Proposed inclusion of reference to  
new draft *Best Practice Guidelines for the preparation of Resource Management Plans for Construction & Demolition Waste Projects***

In April 2021 the Environmental Protection Agency published new draft guidelines, *Best Practice Guidelines for the preparation of Resource Management Plans for Construction & Demolition Waste Projects*, for which public consultation closed in June 2021. The draft guidelines, which will be finalised shortly, supersede the *Best Practice Guidelines on the Preparation of Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Waste Projects*, which were published in July 2006. We recommend that reference be made to these new draft guidelines in Chapter 11, potentially to be included within Sections 11.14 to 11.22 on *Statements to Support Development Proposals*, and also in Section 11.265 *Management of Construction Sites*.



The SRWMPO will be happy to provide further input or assistance regarding waste management, resource efficiency or the Circular Economy.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

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